

South Dakota Science and Technology Authority Board of Directors
Special Telephonic Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, October 24, 2018
Lead, South Dakota

The Board of Directors of the South Dakota Science and Technology Authority (SDSTA) convened at 8:00 a.m. Mountain Time (MT) on Wednesday, October 24, 2018, via teleconference. Listening posts for the public were established at the office of the SDSTA at 630 E. Summit Street, Lead, South Dakota, and at the Dolly-Reed Plaza in the Treehouse conference room, 711 East Wells Avenue, Pierre, South Dakota.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD IN ATTENDANCE BY TELEPHONE

Mr. Roger Musick
Chairperson Casey Peterson
Secretary/Treasurer Patricia Lebrun
Vice-Chairperson Ron Wheeler
Dr. James Rankin, *ex-officio member*

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD ABSENT

Dr. Ani Aprahamian
Vice-Chairperson Dana Dykhous
Dr. Robert Wilson

SDSTA STAFF IN ATTENDANCE

Mr. Tim Engel, Legal Counsel (by phone)
Mr. Mike Headley, Executive Director
Ms. Nancy Geary, Chief Financial Officer
Ms. Mandy Knight, Administrative Services Manager
Ms. Natasha Wheeler, Administrative Assistant

GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE

Mr. Alex Portal, Black Hills Pioneer Journalist

ITEM 1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Peterson called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. (MT). Chair Peterson declared a quorum was present, consisting of board members Ms. Lebrun, Mr. Musick, Chair Peterson and Mr. Wheeler. Those absent were Dr. Aprahamian, Mr. Dykhous and Dr. Wilson.

Chair Peterson asked participants at the listening posts in Pierre and Lead to identify themselves. There was no response at the Pierre listening post. SDSTA staff listed above were present at the Lead office, except SDSTA Legal Counsel Mr. Tim Engel who joined by phone. Mr. Alex Portal from the Black Hills Pioneer newspaper was also present at SDSTA's office in Lead.

ITEM 2. APPROVE AGENDA

Chair Peterson asked for a motion to approve the agenda.

Dr. Rankin joined the meeting at 8:01 a.m.

Motion by Ms. Lebrun and second by Mr. Musick to approve the agenda as presented. By roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously.

ITEM 3. DISCUSS LETTER OF AGREEMENT

SDSTA Executive Director Mr. Headley explained the SDSTA had worked with Williams & Associates Architecture Inc., a local architecture and engineering firm, to create a conceptual design for a new maintenance support facility, located at the Yates Complex at Sanford Lab, on the site of the current machine shop. The new building is planned to be approximately 25,000 square feet and will be used for warehousing and maintenance activities. This plan would allow maintenance activities to be consolidated and removed from currently out-of-date facilities, including those in need of significant repair.

Mr. Headley stated discussions with the governor's office resulted in a future fund grant from the State of South Dakota Governor's Office of Economic Development in the amount of \$4 million to SDSTA to support the project. This amount will cover a significant amount of the budget, but additional funding will also be needed. Efforts are underway to locate and secure those funds.

As Mr. Headley is only authorized to execute agreements less than \$2.5 million, he asked the board to approve the agreement and authorize him to sign an amended agreement changing two terms.

The two amendments include changing the name of the building from "engineering support facility" to "maintenance support facility," and extending the end-date of the agreement by an additional year, to December 31, 2020, to account for the timeline of the project.

Answering a question from Mr. Wheeler, Mr. Engel confirmed nothing in the agreement would preclude SDSTA from borrowing funds to make up the difference between the projected total project cost and the amount of the grant.

Motion by Mr. Wheeler and second by Ms. Lebrun to accept the Letter of Agreement between the State of South Dakota, Governor's Office of Economic Development and SDSTA, and to authorize Executive Director Mr. Mike Headley to sign the agreement with amendments as presented. By roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously.

ITEM 4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chair Peterson asked if there were any questions or comments from the public. There were none.

ITEM 5. ADJOURN

Chair Peterson reminded board members the next regularly scheduled board meeting will be held on Thursday, December 13 at 9 a.m. (MT) in the Education and Outreach Building and called for a motion to adjourn.

Motion by Mr. Musick and second by Mr. Wheeler to adjourn. By roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:09 a.m. (MT) on October 24, 2018.